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June 19, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SADDLE PEAK ROAD AT MILE MARKER 0.18  
PARCELS 9-7DE AND 9-7S  
APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION AND SETTLEMENT  
UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (MALIBU)  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find this project exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the acquisition of an easement for drainage and slope purposes in Parcels 9-7DE and 9-7S, along Saddle Peak Road at Mile Marker 0.18, in the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, for \$91,200.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action will allow the County to purchase an easement for drainage and slope purposes in, on, over, and across Parcels 9-7DE and 9-7S from Cynthia Leavitt, Trustee of the Cynthia Leavitt Revocable Trust, by direct negotiations. The subject parcels are located along Saddle Peak Road at MM.018, in the unincorporated County area near Malibu. The easements are needed by the County for the repairs on Saddle Peak Road resulting from damage caused by the 2005 storms.

**Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goal**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since maintaining our roads and drainage facilities provides protection to residents which will improve the quality of life in the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The proposed purchase price of \$91,200 for the easement is representative of the fair market value and was accepted by the property owners. Funds for the acquisition are available in the Department's 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The owner, Cynthia Leavitt, Trustee, executed an Agreement to Convey and Claim for Payment and signed the Easement in favor of the County of Los Angeles. Acquisitions in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by your Board.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The easements to be acquired are necessary to operate and maintain the road improvements along Saddle Peak Road that were repaired as part of the 2005 Storm Emergency. Therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (3) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15269 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

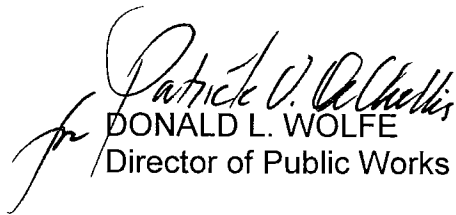
None.

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**CONCLUSION**

This action is in the best interest of the County. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel